National Hospitality House Week

SAMPLE LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Each year more than *[number]* families and patients travel long distances to our city for medical care following a traumatic injury or diagnosis of serious illness. Being far from home during such a stressful time compounds the challenges inherent with a medical crisis.

The purpose of the *[name of house]* is to help alleviate the stress these families are going through. Our ‘home that helps and heals’ provides a comfortable and family-centered home at no cost *[or low cost]* for these guests to our community. In addition to a safe and clean place to lay their heads, guests of our house can prepare their own meals, do their laundry, and take a rest from the hospital environment. *[or list other house amenities or services that you provide]* While our house helps families feel less stressed, it also helps their loved ones focus on healing.

During the week of July 19-25, we will be joining houses such as ours across North America in observing National Hospitality House Week, an annual commemoration of the role houses play in improving the patient and family experience. As a proud member of the Healthcare Hospitality Network, we are just one home of hundreds providing care and comfort to families in need.

To see first-hand the positive contribution our home makes, we invite our community to visit our beautiful home at *[address]* on *[date]* from *[time to time]*. We also encourage you to visit our website to find ways you can support our services through volunteer opportunities, in-kind and cash donations. *[change this paragraph to highlight your events and ways to support your house]*

For more information, please call us at *[number]* or visit us at *[website].*

*Name*

*Title*

*House*